

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-16 are pending in the Application.

Response to Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 3-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by JP 2004-182344 to Kitano et al published July 2, 2004.

Applicants hereby submit the sworn English language translations of JP 2004-125041 filed April 21, 2004; JP 2003-207590 filed August 14, 2003; and JP 2003-325486 filed September 18, 2003 upon which a claim to priority was made under 35 U.S.C. §119, to thereby antedate Kitano et al published July 2, 2004 and obviate the rejection. The certified copies of the priority documents are on file as provided in PAIR. Section 112 support for the present claims is as noted in the following chart;

Claim	Support (all citations are to the sworn English translations submitted herewith)
1	JP 2004-125041: claim 1, pg. 1; and JP 2003-207590: [0036], pgs. 15-16
3	JP 2004-125041: claim 3, pg. 1
4	JP 2004-125041: claim 4, pg. 1
5	JP 2004-125041: claim 5, pg. 1
6	JP 2004-125041: claim 6, pg. 1
7	JP 2004-125041: claim 7, pg. 2
8	JP2004-125041: claim 8, pg. 2

Claim	Support (all citations are to the sworn English translations submitted herewith)
9	JP 2004-125041: claim 9, pg. 2
10	JP 2004-125041: claim 12, pg. 2
11	JP 2004-125041: claim 13, pg. 2
12	JP 2003-207590: claim 1, pg. 1
13	JP 2004-125041: [0018], pg. 11
14	JP 2004-125041: claim 11, pg. 2
15	JP 2004-125041: claim 15, pgs. 2-3
16	JP 2004-125041: claim 16, pg. 3

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

This Amendment is being filed via the USPTO Electronic Filing System (EFS). Applicant herewith petitions the Director of the USPTO to extend the time for reply to the above-identified Office Action for an appropriate length of time if necessary. Any fee due under 37 U.S.C. § 1.17(a) is being paid via the USPTO Electronic Filing System (EFS). The USPTO is

also directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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